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### Attendance Update

We have received several questions and queries regarding the new attendance reward structure and wanted to clarify and answer some of the points raised.

A new attendance system has been put in place to offer greater encouragement and reward for our school pupils. Under the old system, most rewards were over a long period of time and recognised the highest attendance levels e.g. 100% attendance across the year was rewarded with a voucher. There were annual prizes such as a bike and scooter, which those with attendance over 96% were entered into a raffle. However, this only rewarded 1 child in each Key Stage and so many children did not have opportunity to gain recognition for regular attendance. As such, the majority of pupils were not accessing rewards and incentives for their positive attendance.

As a school we want to try and positively reward as many pupils as possible and so we changed the system to enable this wider recognition.

Under the new system, children's attendance is monitored every half term and rewarded each half term. Children have been involved in suggesting prize ideas, such as our first reward, the Disco. As such, any child with attendance over 96% for the half term from September to October 17 gained an invite. This means over 170 children in Key Stage 1 and 2 are accessing this reward, which would not have been available to them last year or they wouldn't have received recognition for their attendance unless they had 100%.

The new attendance system also means that children have the opportunity to gain rewards every half term, unlike the old system which was only termly or yearly for 100%. This means that children are not penalised for their attendance across the year because of one or two periods of absence. This gives children opportunities and chances across the whole year. As such, the attendance monitoring for pupils starts again from this week, until Christmas and children with 96% or higher will be offered a reward early in the New Year. The same then happens for Spring 1, Spring 2, Summer 1 and Summer 2.

We would hope that children will not be having absences every half term and so should, across the academic year, access some of the new reward events – a total of 6 across the school year. If a child does have a period of absence in a half term and does not access that attendance event, they still have further opportunities across the year. This means that more children across the school are getting increased opportunities to be recognised and rewarded for their attendance.



We appreciate that changes can be upsetting, particularly for those children who on this occasion have meant that their absence is below 96% but we believe the improved system will mean more children are accessing positive rewards at Eyres Monsell across the year.

Therefore the benefits of the new system are:

- more regular recognition of positive attendance (every half term)
- more pupils accessing rewards as positive attendance above 96% is being recognised, not just those with 100%.
- pupils participating and having a voice in choosing the rewards and incentive events
- pupils are not penalised across the academic year, for absence in a particular short period of time or within one half term / term

Your child's years at Primary School are the most important time to begin their learning. It is therefore important to understand that when your child has a place, we expect them to attend every day. We understand children may have absences for illness or poor health, but this absence would be expected to be short term and not regularly occurring each half term. By altering the attendance reward scheme, children now have the opportunity to gain recognition and reward for their attendance each half term and recognition from 96% attendance, so more children can be rewarded.

We hope this helps to answer questions parents may have moving forwards with the new attendance reward system.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K. Hill



**Sarah Louise Beresford and 7 others**



**Charley Mae** No never!!😡😡 bloody have ...



**Neena Bambi Ball**

That school is a fucking joke hence I took georgio and. Gino out the school, I can't stand the place, the teachers there are awful that miss warran is a bitch x

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**Elizabeth Lester**

Miss Gill... told you about her!!! Shes vile.. she left rolleston because of all the complaints from parents .. including me!!!! Xxcx

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**Elizabeth Lester** Good... vile vile woman



**Shaney Strong** yes she definately should...



**Elizabeth Lester** Agreed xxx